

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

VOL. 21, NO. 27.

CLEVELAND, TENN., AUGUST 30, 1930.

5c per copy, \$1.50 per year

## The Wheels of Time Are Speeding Us On To Eternity

### Pressing On To Eternity

M. W. Letsinger

Are we doing our best for God and His church?

Only a few short weeks and the folks will gather from the East, West, North, and South to the 25th annual Assembly of the Church of God to be held in the Church of God Auditorium, Cleveland, Tenn., October 20-26, 1930.

It does not seem reasonable, but yet it is true. The days, weeks, and months have slipped away so quickly it is hard for us to realize the time set for the Assembly can be so near. The time seems so short since we were here in the 24th Assembly. But just a few more days and another year will be in eternity and the Assembly will be here again.

While times have been very hard and money hard to get, yet this passing year has been great in many respects. The Lord has been very gracious to us in many ways. And while the future looks dark for this old world, it continues to grow brighter for the church. As we reflect upon the past year and think of the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us, our hearts are made to leap for joy. Think of the great revivals and some of them came so unexpectedly to many, and seemingly with very little effort.

While the financial depression has been everywhere, yet the business here at Headquarters has been good which makes the future look bright and hopeful. This has been a very busy year for us here at Headquarters and we know that you who are on the field have been busy too. That makes it easy to account for the time slipping by so fast.

While we have been very busy and it can hardly seem real that we are so near the end of another Assembly year, I wonder if we can say we have done our best. It means much to say, I have done my best. But very few times in life we have been able to say this, still in many respects we can say it for the passing year. If we could realize the swiftness of time and the great rapidity with which we are coming to the end of life's journey, surely we would bestir ourselves and try to do more for the Master.

When I was a boy we would sing, "We are floating down the stream of time. We have not long to stay. I could not realize it then as I do now. Friends, as truly as we are rapidly coming to the closing days of this Assembly year, we are coming to the closing moments of our lives. Many who started with us from last Assembly have fallen on the field and gone on to their reward. Some have given up in despair but many more have enlisted in this great army and on we go making our record, finishing our life's work, getting ready for eternity. Are we doing our best?

We like to help our loved ones and friends, especially when they are sick and in need. Many of us can call to mind when someone of our loved ones was sick and even it looked like very near death's door. How we would go for days without sleep and work with all our might for their comfort and welfare and after all some would be taken by death! Then we would meditate and question ourselves, Did I do my best? We are now in the very busiest act of life and it can't be long until we will come to the end. There is no doubt that some who are planning to attend the 25th annual Assembly will be called to eternity before the time for the Assembly arrives. Are we doing our best? Could we say tonight I have fought a good fight, I am ready to go, and say it with gladness in our hearts?

To have the consciousness of knowing we have done our best brings joy and gladness to our heart. Paul must have been happy when he came to the end of life and said, I have fought a good fight and am ready to go. Then we too must do our best so that in our last moments we may reflect and say with joy, I have done my best and I am ready to go.

Whether we work or play, time is pressing us on. There is no place to stop. We must go, go until we come to the end. I often think of life as a stream of water that is very swift and rough. We notice near the banks of the

river the current is not so strong, but out from the bank it is very swift. So it is with life. In our childhood days time was not so swift and if we should live to a great age the current of time will not be so great. Those days are referred to by the wise man as having no pleasure in them. The eyes have grown dim, the teeth all gone, the breath short, and step very feeble, no hope for anything any better in this life. Then if we should live to that period in life, it would be sweet to think back of how we have crossed the stream of time and that we have done our best and now we are nearing our eternal home. Then it will be that we will lose sight of this life and as we look beyond, our vision of the eternal world will increase and no doubt the angels will appear to bear us safely home. As we approach the city we see the light of the beautiful city and hear the music and possibly some loved one will meet us at the gate to greet and escort us into the bliss and grandeur of heaven. Then we may wonder and ask ourselves the question, Did I do my best?

God wants our best. We owe it to Him and to His church and to the world. We have no time to be idle, no time to spend sympathizing and pitying ourselves. If we have done our very best, we have nothing to boast of, nothing to commend us that others should look to us with admiration. After we've done all then we're unprofitable servants and it is only by the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that we are saved. Then may we ever realize that we are on our journey to eternity and that we owe all to God and His church and to His creation.

#### A GOOD SKIPPER ABOARD

Old "Bust-Me-Up" was a queer shaped, ugly old tug running between London and Portsmouth. She never came into port but that she collided with some vessel and did some damage. Hence the name! But one day, to everybody's amazement, she came in straight as a die and glided gracefully to her berth, and a sailor standing on the quay couldn't help shouting: "Whatever's come to you, 'Old Bust-Me-Up'?" An old sailor shouted back, "Got a new skipper aboard!" This was the secret of the change. And when Christ becomes our Captain, He controls us and changes our lives, and He will guide us straight to port. "The Captain of our salvation."—Sunday at Home.

#### Received Many Good Blessings

Our convention at the Arcoma, Va. Church of God closed, Aug. 3. I can say we surely did have a good Holy Ghost convention. We had several God-sent preachers. The convention lasted for three days and four nights. We certainly had a splendid meeting. The last preacher on the program was Brother Earl Paulk. He certainly did preach a fine sermon. He is a God-sent pastor. We all appreciate his wonderful preaching.

We had shouting and singing. We had the West Virginia string band. Our State Overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, was with us. I surely did get many good blessings out of the meeting.

We had many other good preachers who did all of us good with their wonderful preaching. We are thanking and praising God because the Holy Ghost abides in our souls. Jesus dwells in our home. We have a happy home and we thank God for it.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waller, Logan, W. Va.

#### SUBSCRIBE or RENEW

For The CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL FREE—FREE CATALOG—FREE Mail us a card at once for one of our beautiful, new catalogs of Bibles, books, religious literature, etc. CHURCH OF GOD PUB. HOUSE Cleveland, Tennessee

### Began With 19, Now Have 45

PALMER, TEXAS — I thank God this morning for what He has been to me. He saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost and gave me a determination to go all the way with Him. I thank God for our revival at this place. Fourteen were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Two were sanctified, and one was saved. Brother John Kile held the revival. We thank God for the work Brother Kile did. We all love him and believe he is a man of God. He is true blue and stands foursquare for the Bible and the Church of God. When Brother Kile left the sinners said, Well that isn't a thing but old time religion. This church isn't but ten months old and see how she has grown. It began with nineteen members and now has forty-five. We believe God will give us a big church at Palmer. Pray for us. — A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lorillian McCulley.

### Church Established In Long Beach, Calif.

LONG BEACH, Calif. — We have been able to set a Church of God in order in this city after seven months of mission work. We have waited for months to get a big number to start with and there were only seven who were willing to take their stand for the whole, full gospel when the church was presented. But I remember the entire Church of God, with all its thousands of members, had a small beginning as on that memorable occasion when Brother Richard G. Spurling took his noble stand for the truth only seven others came forward to join the number.

We have eight more to be received by transfer with others looking this way. We have full assurance that this is the beginning of a permanent work in Long Beach and as it is a fast growing city of 141,000 people, there is room to grow and expand.

Among the number who joined our ranks was Brother John W. Loper, a former Nazarine minister who has been with the Assemblies of God since receiving the Holy Ghost. God bless Brother Loper and make him a blessing to the church and send along some more like him. We want to mention Brother G. W. Dunbar who has helped us so faithfully the past several months and who is also a minister in another Pentecostal body of this city. He formerly taught a class of high school students in one of the large assemblies, which must have been a great pleasure for before receiving the Holy Ghost baptism he was a high school principal for eight years and had to teach evolution and other damnable theories of man which must have been grating on his conscience even then, much more now since receiving greater light. This brother helps at the piano, teaches the Bible class and preaches occasionally, scarcely ever missing a service. He handles the Word just like we do in the Church of God, and is truly one of us at heart. I believe, and may be one of us literally speaking before long.

The little church here surely is faithful in tithing and giving to the support of the gospel and that spells success many times, for when we come up with our part God honors it by pouring out the blessings from on high.—J. H. Ingram.

### 10 Received Holy Ghost

HARLAN, Ky. — Our revival here came to a close with great victory. We began this meeting July 13. Brother G. A. Fore was with us the first week and did some good preaching. He had to leave and go to Lynch to begin the revival there. It was left with us. God continued to bless. We held on five weeks. Fourteen were saved, fourteen sanctified, ten received the Holy Ghost, twenty-one were added to the church, and twenty-two were baptized in water. Many said this was the best revival Harlan ever had. The saints are built up and the church is on fire for God in spite of the hard financial strain. Pray for us that God will continue to bless. — T. A. Richard, pastor.

### 52 Saved, 44 Sanctified, 44 Received Holy Ghost

We are praising God for the marvelous way He has poured out His spirit at Roanoke, Ohio. Evangelist Paul Carpenter and wife pitched their tent in our midst June 28 and we have just closed the 8th week of this meeting and the end is not yet. Truly this has been a hard fight fighting against fortune tellers, spiritualists, Christian Science, Russellism, and division and strife. Guy ropes on the tent were cut. We lost fifteen dollars worth of rope. The sheriff tried to stop the meeting and couldn't. Three men came in to lick Brother Carpenter but the power of God struck him. They turned and went back out.

Thru all this God has honored us to the extent that fifty-two have been saved, forty-four sanctified, forty-four have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five have followed the Lord in water baptism. There were three wonderful healings. One sister was healed of blood poison, one sinner man healed of a paralytic stroke. He had not been able to move his arm for three months. When one brother came thru with the baptism he received sight in his eye that had been almost put out by battery acid.

L. G. Rouse paid us a visit. Folks brought sick people for over one hundred miles to be prayed for. One girl who had been in the tubercular sanitarium for three years and four months left her cot and shouted and praised God. Many other healings were witnessed.

We thank the Lord for Brother D. G. Phillips, our district overseer, being with us with his chart and giving some good points on the Church of God.

Then too, we thank God for Brother E. Haynes, our State Overseer, being with us last night and preaching from the thought of old Bible unity. The church was set in order and forty-five came into the dear old Church of God. One fourteen year old girl was set forth in the ministry. We praise God for this.

We recommend Brother Carpenter and wife with their talents to any new field or church anywhere. Brother Carpenter is fearless in speech and preaches nothing but the plain truth. We thank and praise God for all.—Sister Laura Barnes, clerk, Davis St., Urichville, Ohio.

### The Present Challenge

Mrs. Bessie Thomas, Perry, Fla.

"Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God." 2 Cor. 10:5.

I verily believe that Christianity is being challenged to-day by the most subtle influence since the days of Christ. From the beginning Christianity has had to fight its way against great odds. Judaism, sensualism and formalism, all these had to be conquered in the early days and through the dark ages. But even now every inch of ground is being contested. Both without and within the pales of nominal Christianity the faith of Christ is being challenged.

On the outside atheism and agnosticism continue to throw down the gauntlet. Over in Russia a university has recently been established to teach atheism, to train workers to undermine the Christian faith. Over three hundred students have already enrolled. Yet the fact that such an institution could be founded in our day shows that Christianity has not won its fight. But hand in hand with atheism Christianity is being challenged to-day as never before by materialism. Materialism is a doctrine which denies the existence of a spiritual or immaterial principle in man, called the mind or soul, distinct from matter. Materialism as a philosophy denies both God and the soul. It is becoming more and more rampant. It is not uncommon to-day to hear some clever college professor or some popular magazine writer rule God out of the universe and declare that when man dies he dies like a dog. The materialist can see nothing but dirt. Of course, such ravings will not stand the test of reason. But its

#### A DANGEROUS RUN

A railroad engineer in Colorado had an exceedingly difficult run but he always made it successfully. A Young Men's Christian Association secretary once made the trip on the engine. At a certain point the engineer asked the secretary to sit down and do not say anything until he was spoken to. The engineer stepped forward in the cab, placed one hand on the throttle and the other on the air brake, and began to whistle, "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me." Over and over he whistled the tune in the darkness of the night, amid the noise of the rushing train. When the danger was over he turned to the secretary, and said, "This will explain why I can make this run." Ezra's seeking help of God explains why he was able to "make the run" to Jerusalem through hostile, dangerous country without the king's band of soldiers and horsemen to help. Selected

### Had a Real Church Of God Meeting

On July 16th we started a meeting two and one-half miles from Columbia, La., and closed it July 20th. Six were saved, five sanctified five received the Holy Ghost. July 21st we visited Brother Joe Wood at Archibald, La. and helped in a revival until July 27th. Six were saved, two sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. It was a real Church of God meeting. July 31st we began again at Columbia. The meeting closed Aug. 3rd. Aug. 6th we began a meeting at Riverton, La. and closed it Aug. 10th. It was a real feast with the Lord. Several were healed. Six came to the altar, four were saved and one received the Holy Ghost. The future will tell the good that was done in this meeting. — Amos V. Ponder and wife, Columbia, La.

#### LET US

— Do Your Job Printing For You. — GOOD PRICES & QUICK SERVICE Send Copy for Free Estimate

FREE—FREE CATALOG—FREE Mail us a card at once for one of our beautiful, new catalogs of Bibles, books, religious literature, etc. CHURCH OF GOD PUB. HOUSE

most dangerous form is not theoretical but practical. Teeming millions would not dare deny a supreme Being, yet they live as if God were dead; would not for a moment claim to have no souls, yet live as if they had none. In this atmosphere of materialism God is forgotten, Christ is ignored, the Bible is neglected, salvation is treated with silent contempt and the interests of the souls are buried beneath an avalanche of worldliness. In this deadly atmosphere idealism is played down and lawlessness and wickedness be foul the land. The real doctrine and gospel of Jesus Christ has always had a strange appearance to the world. Nothing more or less could be expected when we think of the evil that has been in the world since Adam's day. The world has been against God and His righteousness, and has tried in every way to grow as far from it as possible and the longer the world stands the further away from grace they get until the very appearance of God and His salvation seems strange to them.

#### FOES WITHIN

But not all the present day foes to Christianity are without. Christianity to-day, as never before is being wounded in the house of its professed friends. The spirit of rationalism, which rules out the supernatural and makes Christianity, at the best, only a system of ethics, is enthroning itself in educational institutions and even pulpits. It is capturing the libraries, the press and the radio stations.

The devil makes beautiful his side and keeps the future portion of those who serve him behind the veil of time. He offers to the young the theatres, swimming pools, the fashionable dance halls and joyous car rides; and the old he makes glad of their society children and entices them with many of his snares. But it is a sad fact that to-day Christianity is being played down most painfully by professing Christians who have but a form of godliness without the power thereof. There are more professors than there are possessors, having a form of godliness, but denying the power is sufficient evidence that they are professors of salvation but when it comes to the power of the blood they deny it probably because they have never felt it and are not acquainted with it. It is these that lay in wait to deceive, professing to know God but in their works deny Him.

We can hear among society people more about church membership than about the salvation of the soul. There is not much said about their salvation, but I am a member of such and such a church. It is not so much church membership, but Christianity that God wants. There are many religions and also many gospels but just one gospel and religion of Jesus Christ, and there is only one place from which it comes.

The question arises: Is the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ equal to the challenge of this hour? Can it cope with all these other doctrines that to-day exalt themselves against the knowledge of God? The answer is YES, provided that His people will throw themselves afresh upon the arm of God, realizing as did David when he met the challenge of Goliath, that the battle is the Lord's. Nothing did Jesus so impress upon His disciples as He sent them on their world conquering mission, as the fact that they must go in the power of the Holy Ghost. Tarry till ye be endued with power. The only kind of religion that will be able to meet the challenge of this hour is a Holy Ghost baptized religion.

The trouble with the majority of the preachers to-day is, they fail to tarry at Jerusalem until they are filled with the Holy Ghost and speak with other tongues as an evidence. Consequently they are not qualified for so high a calling. Many churches are existing without the power and many have fallen for lack of it, but think of the sad condition of those who are trying to exist without it. There is no spirit in the singing, the preaching is dry and formal, the members are backward and timid, no one attending their services. (Please Look On Page Three)

## The Tongue

Mattie Broome, Y. P. E., Atlanta, Ga.

The power of speech is a unique gift of God to man. The lower order of animals have their own method of communication. But man alone is endowed with the power of intelligent utterance. No one can fully explain the relation of the mind to the tongue, how it is that a person may think and express his thoughts in words, so that others who hear him may understand what he says. The faculties of speaking and hearing are wonderful endowments from our Creator. There are souls in Paradise today, also souls in Hell, because of the right or wrong use of the tongue. The Scripture teaches us this in a single sentence: "Death and life are in the power of

the tongue" (Prov. 18:21), and another one spoken by the Saviour Himself: "For by thy words shalt thou be justified and by thy words shalt thou be condemned" (Matt. 12:27).

The penitent thief was saved in a moment of time. His hands and feet were bound but he could still use his tongue and with it in that short time he did four things. First, rebuked his guilty companion; second, took Jesus' part; third, confessed his sins; fourth, pleaded for Christ's mercy. That was all, but that was enough to win for him the priceless verdict, "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43.) Ananias and Sapphira used the

(Continued on page three)



## The Church of God Evangel

Official Organ of the Church of God  
Published weekly by the  
CHURCH OF GOD PUBLISHING HOUSE  
Cleveland, Tennessee

M. W. LETSINGER, Editor & Publisher  
Phone 21

### PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

T. L. McLain George Lemons  
I. C. Barrett E. M. Ellis  
W. D. Childers

### SUBSCRIPTION RATE

One Year ..... \$1.50  
Six Months ..... .75  
Single Copy ..... .05

### SPECIAL NOTICE

When you renew your subscription please say "renewal." When you subscribe, please say "new subscription."

INFORMATION—If you change your address you should promptly notify us, giving the old and the new address.

Always write names and addresses PLAINLY. If we fail to get your name or address right please notify us and we will take pleasure in making the correction.

We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

Entered as second-class mail matter March 1, 1910, at Cleveland, Tennessee, under the act of March 3, 1879.

Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917. Authorized Aug. 23, 1918.

AUGUST 30, 1930.

## EDITORIALS

The big tent meeting here came to a close last Sunday night. The interest seemed to increase from the beginning to the end. Brother Whittington did the most of the preaching. Brothers Robinson, Yates, and George Douglas and wife rendered valuable service in singing and in making music which seemed to be greatly enjoyed by all who were present. Around forty were saved, twenty-five or thirty sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized, and ten came into the church.

The crowds seemed to increase to the last and were extremely quiet, listening to the music and preaching from time to time. The meeting closed with more than forty at the altar anxiously seeking the Lord. This is said by many to be the best revival that Cleveland has had in many years. It surely came in answer to the prayers of God's faithful children.

If the C. of G. Y. P. E. leader of each state will send us the number of badges and what you want on them, we will have them made for the members of the Y. P. E. of your state to wear at the Assembly. We can make them at the same expense as other badges that are worn at the Assembly.

Do not come to the Assembly expecting us to have them for you unless you write us as to how many it will take for your state and what you want on them. Also remember we cannot print very much on them.

During last Assembly a committee was appointed to arrange for some banners for those coming to the Assembly to have to put on their cars. The chairman has arranged with the Publishing House for them and we now have them ready. They are 12x36 inches and have on them, **CHURCH OF GOD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, Oct. 20-26, Cleveland, Tenn.** You may have them for 25c each. Please order at once. It would be nice for you to put on your car though you may not get to come to the Assembly. All who come in a car will surely want one. We notice many who are interested in election and fair secure banners and carry them on their cars for days and sometimes weeks. Why not we show that we are for *The Church of God* by placing a banner on our cars from now until after the Assembly? Order today.

Don't forget to pray. God will surely hear the prayers of His earnest children who cry unto Him from day to day and will bring things to pass in His own good time. After we have prayed we have need of patience.

Since last issue we have only received fifty-one subscriptions. Brother M. P. Cross sent five; J. M. Baldrice, five; C. M. Crosno, four.

We would appreciate it very much if you would send us your order for the fourth quarter's Sunday School literature now. It will help us greatly. It is impossible for us to get the literature to all the schools on time unless many of you favor us with an early order. It takes thirty days of hard work to get the literature in the mails.

## PRAY FOR US

MOCK FEE, Jamaica. — Dear Evangel readers, I praise God this morning because I can report victory over sin. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I truly thank the dear Lord for what He has done for me, not in pressing on to win the prize, not in my strength, but by the help of

## NOTICES & SPECIALS

The first Sunday in Sept. is home coming day at the Church of God on Beach Creek near Devon, W. Va. Dinner on the ground. Everybody who can, bring something to eat. Everybody welcome. Come praying.—A sister, Thelma Varney, Box 83, Okeefe, W. Va.

This is to notify the Churches of God that Brother and Sister J. R. Candill of Columbus, Ohio have been received back into the fellowship of the church and their license restored to them.—E. Haynes, State Overseer.

I would like to have a position in a store in a small town in Northeast Tennessee or near Cleveland where there is a Church of God that is wide awake. If I can't get near one that is alive and you need some help in stirring up a Sunday School and other church work, I would like to hear from you if interested. Can give plenty of reference. — Faithfully in Christ, Oscar Shook, Rt. 6, Booneville, Miss.

My address is changed from Funston, Ga. to Rt. 4, Fitzgerald, Ga.—E. D. Douglas.

This is to notify our friends everywhere that we have changed our address from Macon, Ga. to 1913 Greene St., Augusta, Ga. All correspondence regarding the Macon work should be addressed to Brother J. A. Bentley, clerk, Box 317, Macon, Ga.—Humbly, T. D. Brogdon.

My address is changed from 414½ Louisiana St., Houston, Texas to Box 5241, Alexander St., Houston, Texas.—J. L. Hilburn.

The Church of God at Charleston, S. C. wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Sister D. B. Miller, Sister Claude Dodds, Sister Cora Dodds, Brothers Harry, Mezell, and D. B. Miller.

You are requested to correspond immediately with the pastor or clerk. Failure to do so will cause your membership to be discontinued as ruled by the Assembly.—David J. Goude, pastor, 41 Amberst St., Charleston, S. C., Ada Benton, clerk, 10 Hampstead Sq., Charleston, S. C.

THE LIGHTED PATHWAY  
The September Lighted Pathway will be ready the last of this week.

## REQUESTS

I request special prayer of all who read this that God may have His way in my life.—An unworthy sister under the blood, Mrs. Beulah Chaney, Rt. 1, Box 40, Sikeston, Mo.

We ask for the prayers of the saints for Flat Creek. It is stirred as never before. Three have been sanctified and three have received the Holy Ghost. Many are looking this way.—Dinies Lockett, Flat Creek, Ala.

I have lumbago. All who read this pray for me. Pray that I might stay humble and do what the Lord wants me to do.—George Lewis and wife, Middlesboro, Ky.

Pray that I may grow stronger in the Lord. Help me pray for my husband who is out in sin. I have prayed for him until God has sent conviction on him. He said he couldn't be satisfied anywhere, but he won't listen to God's pleadings.

I have been attending Brother Walker's meeting. I enjoy being in his service. He preaches the gospel. Pray for him to hold out in health and to do God's will for we surely need God's Word in this wicked place. Pray for God's people to come back to this place. We need help. There are just a few people in the way here.

Pray for my mother. She has pella-gra. Pray that she may come to the light before it is too late. She doesn't believe in this way.—Mrs. Essie Philpot, Englewood, Tenn.

Pray a special prayer for my grandbaby, Mary Alice Mixon. She has leakage of the heart. She suffers very much and has had convulsions. I know God has power to heal. If Brother Rouse sees this, please pray a special prayer for her healing. Pray for my unsaved family that they will seek and find our Lord before it is too late.—Your sister, Mrs. J. E. Mixon, Perry, Fla.

God I mean to go right on. I ask the prayers of the dear saints that I might keep loyal and true to God. I thank God for dear Elder Archer. He is a true child of God and preaches the real doctrine of the Church of God. I thank the Lord for the way He is working in Jamaica. He is blessing in a wonderful way. I ask your prayers for us over here. — A brother in Christ, Al-len Smith.

We are hoping and praying for the largest orders this month that we have ever received since we began its publication. We spend much of our precious time in research work to get the material that we feel will be an inspiration to our young people. It would mean much to me and to the young people if you would help me get it into the homes. Just here I want to say we are considerably behind financially and if the paper has any staunch advocates, now is the time to show your appreciation by sending in some contributions or by subscribing yourself or getting others to subscribe.

Fifty yearly subscriptions would help us go over the top and lighten our burden. It would help me give the young people a better paper. Who will answer this S. O. S. call?—Alda B. Harrison.

We are expecting to begin a revival September 9. Please pray for it that souls will get saved.—Your sister under the blood, Lake Erie Pahl, Mal-lory, W. Va.

This is to notify all the neighboring churches that we will begin another revival at Pine Grove church near Double Spring, Ala. the first Sunday in September which will be the 7th. Everyone come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord as He is surely blessing at this place.—Your brother under the blood of Jesus, H. B. Magee, 803 Gadsden St., Jacksonville, Ala.

We are now in a revival at Cross City with Brother John H. Jones doing the preaching. He surely brings the Word and the Lord is blessing. We are looking for a great time here. We will go thru the fifth Sunday and on that day, Aug. 31, will have a home coming day. We ask every church in the district to come and be with us. We also invite the Branford and Williston Districts and also ask Brother R. P. Johnson, our State Overseer, to come and be with us. Pray that the Lord will be with us.—S. T. Duckworth, District Pastor, Cross City, Fla.

Since talking to a number of the ministers and workers over the state and visiting a number of the churches we have decided that it would be best to leave off the Fall Camp meeting at Wimauma as our members and laity cannot attend both the Assembly and the camp meeting and we want every one possible to attend the Assembly.—R. P. Johnson, State Overseer of Fla.

I request the prayers of all for the healing of my body. I have been suffering for about four years. I have had seven doctors and they did not seem to do any good. I backslid about three years ago. We had prayer but the devil started in and stopped it. I have liver and kidney trouble and my heart hurts me at times. One doctor said two years ago that I could not live. I am still living and want to serve Him. We have no Church of God here at this place. Please pray that God will have His way with me.—One who loves the holy way, Ruth Potter, Farmdale, Ga.

I praise the Lord for healing me last night of indigestion. It seemed I could hardly get my breath. God can and has healed. He has been precious to me in both soul and body. I love Jesus and I desire the prayers of others that God will keep me on the firing line. Also pray that my husband will be saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.—Earnestly desiring the prayers of the saints, I am your sister in Christ, Etha Taylor, Rt. 6, Box 675, Jacksonville, Fla.

Please pray for me that I may be healed of weakness in my back.—Or-rin Kellam, Rt. 1, Box 81, Abbeville, Ga.

Please pray for Brother Will Ginge-rich. He has been afflicted for twenty years. He can walk when he is helped to get on his feet but is not able to do anything else. His mother who is seventy-nine years old must care for him. The Church of God at Harrisburg of which he is a member has Wednesday of each week as a fast day and they come together in the evening for prayer. Shall we all fast and pray on Wednesday, Aug. 27, especially for him to be healed and to help gather in the lost? He is willing to preach the gospel when healed.—Your sister in the church, Mrs. L. S. Stimeling, Harrisburg, Pa. (Too late for last issue).

Pray for me to be healed if it is the Lord's will. I am suffering with catarrh of the head and my lungs hurt me so badly at times. It may be T. B. I am trusting the Lord to heal. Also I want to get closer to Him and live humble and do His will.—Your sister, Mrs. A. E. Dickson, Easley, S. C.

## I Saw I Needed Jesus

E. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I really want to praise the dear Lord for the way He led me into this wondrous light. About ten years ago the Lord began to work with my heart and I was one of the most miserable people in the world. They would have cottage prayer meetings and I would go to bed to keep from hearing them shout for it made me feel so bad. I wrestled with God about a month. I could nearly see myself falling into hell and I felt that if I put off the Lord any longer I would not have another chance. I felt that I was getting my last call and I surrendered to Him and I'm so glad of it. I stayed down before the Lord about four hours and He satisfied my soul. He saved me, sanctified me and that night He gave me the Holy Ghost for which I am still praising Him.

I praise the Lord because I ever learned to trust Him for both soul and body. Dear friends, I love the Lord above everything in this world. I've been sick many times in the last ten years and the Lord healed me. I had a pain in my back and suffered very much. I thought I was going to die so I called my husband. He got up and prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully healed me. I praise Him for the way He has healed in my home. Three of my little boys had pneumonia and the Lord healed them and many sinners wondered about it but the Lord is wonderful and can do everything if we will trust Him. I feel more determined to go all the way with the Lord than ever before. I have many hard battles to fight but the Lord has always come to my rescue. Sometimes it seems that I have just gone as far as I can but I always call on Jesus and He gives me victory. I praise Him for His presence.

I would rather feel the presence of the Lord and know I am ready to meet Him than to have all that this world can afford. Pray for me that the Lord will have His way with me and that I may help someone to the Lord. If I could be the cause of just one soul getting to heaven it would be worth all this world to me.—Your sister for lost souls, Mrs. Nellie Wilson, 1017 Miller Ave.

## A Few Words From Monclo, W. Va.

We still want the saints everywhere to know we have the victory here and that the fire is still falling. On the 21st day of July we began a revival. Sister Bertha Shildeler from Muncie, Ind. did the preaching and the Lord blessed from the first service as she gave out the wonderful messages. The saints were built up in greater faith and love. The meeting ran two weeks and closed with all day meeting and dinner on the ground and we enjoyed the presence of the Lord in everything that was done. You good saints know how good it is to feel His presence in everything. Without Him we would be a failure. We also enjoyed some good music by the Bamister boys and their wives and Brother Charles Browning from Delbarton. Brother Saul Scalf and wife and Sister Hill from Cincinnati, Ohio came in Saturday night. Brother Scalf ran the services on another week and the Lord blessed wonderfully. About thirteen were saved, eight sanctified, six received the Holy Ghost and two were added to the church with many more looking this way. Why? Because people have found it is the cleanest thing under heaven. Praise the Lord forever! I still have the determination to go thru regardless of the cost. Pray for us. We want the Lord to give us a larger place in which to worship. — Yours under the blood of Jesus, Janie Beam.

## Needs a Revival

CHRISTIAN, W. Va. — This evening finds me saved and sanctified. I am thanking God for the healing of my body. God has opened up a house here for us to have meeting in and is blessing us every time we come together. Saturday night at prayer service six came to the altar. Two were saved. We need a revival here. Every saint who reads this please pray for God to send us a preacher. There are fourteen members here already. God is blessing wonderfully. Large crowds attend every time we meet. Pray for the little church at Christian that God will send someone in to hold us a revival. Pray for me that I may get the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost. — Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Van Browning.

I ask an interest in the prayers of every saint for this place that God will work as never before and for the upbuilding of the Church of God for we expect a revival here by Brother Cope.—V. W. Morgan, Booth, W. Va.

We are now at Manns Choice, Pa. in a revival. The Lord has already begun to bless. We covet your prayers for the success of the meeting.—The Rexrode Happy Band, R. L. Rexrode, Evangelist.

## A True and Tried Salvation

COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—I thank and praise the good Lord for a tried and true salvation this evening. There are a few true saints meeting once every week and have real good services. There are many people close here who will not meet with us. I want to work for the Lord while it is day for the night is coming when no man shall work.

Holiness is trampled under the foot of man more today than any other Word in the Bible. But I feel like going on and serving Him than ever before. If the people who are fighting the Holy Ghost would read Acts 2:38, 39 it would prove to them without a doubt that it is for us in these last days. Holiness is called a new thing most everywhere but it has been here nineteen hundred years. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The people have had the same old Bible to go by but their eyes have been blinded and there is a veil over their hearts. I am glad Jesus rent the veil from top to bottom and showed us a more precious way to serve Him.

Bless His dear name. He is my doctor. I don't need any more medicine since I received the wonderful blessing. People will say they don't like holiness people because they say you can live above sin. We do live above sin and those who don't are of the devil for the devil sinneth from the beginning.

My husband has this wonderful blessing and he surely is enjoying it. It is so easy to live for the Lord. If we will resist the old man, Satan, he will flee from us.

We are expecting a real good revival here in a short time. There are more hungry souls here at this place. All who read this, please pray for us that we may work and overcome the devil. I am not a member of the Church of God but hope to be soon if God lets me live. I am praising God for ever showing me the light on the wonderful way. I ask all to pray for the Lord to lead my parents, brothers, and sisters in this way. Most all of them are against me but I am going on. I want to make heaven my home. All who know the worth of prayer remember me.—A sister under the blood, Ida Vinson.

## Good Seed Sown

AUSTINVILLE, Va. —I thank God for the opportunity to write a few words for our blessed Redeemer this morning. I thank Him for what He is to me just now. I can feel His sweet power with me.

I thank Him for the revival we had at Short Creek with Brother I. H. Brabson in charge. Altho' no one got saved, it surely built the saints up. This place had gone down and a few of the saints had given up. Now we have prayer meeting twice a week. The dear Lord surely blesses us. I am glad we are serving a true and living God, one who will answer prayer and help us along.

I thank God for the Evangel. I like to read it. It makes me feel glad when I am sad and comforts me when I am downcast. I can still report victory. I have a stronger determination to go all the way than ever. I desire the prayers of all that I may hold out and be ready when the Lord comes. Pray for my children that they may get saved.

We want Brother I. H. Brabson back here next year for our pastor. We all love him and know he is a man of God. We believe good seed have been sown in hearts that will bring forth fruit later on. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. P. Grimes, Box 42.

## MISSISSIPPI STATE CAMP MEETING

Begins Sept. 12, continuing ten days  
Williams Springs Church near Stewart, Miss.  
S. J. Heath, State Overseer.

## MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At  
Morgantown, Miss., August 29-31  
S. J. Heath, State Overseer.

## CHURCH OF GOD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY BANNERS

To be Placed on Cars. White Canvas, 12x36 in.,  
With Black Letters  
Viz.

## CHURCH OF GOD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Oct. 20-26, Cleveland, Tenn.

Only 25c each. Please order at once.  
CHURCH OF GOD PUBLISHING HOUSE  
Cleveland, -:- Tennessee

## Old Time Holy Ghost Revival

RAVIA, Okla. — I just want to report the revival that closed Aug. 3. The saints at Ravia were made to rejoice on the evening of July 4 when our pastor, Brother C. W. Kerce, arrived here with the big gospel tent. Services began July 5. Brother Kerce preached two nights then our Overseer, Brother Laud L. Vaught, came and took charge of the services. The enemy put up a hard fight in every way he could, but thank God, He gave the victory thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Forty-six were converted, twenty-two sanctified, eleven received the Holy Ghost sixteen were baptized in water, and twenty were added to the Church of God. With the Psalmist David we want to exclaim, The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. Surely this was an old time Holy Ghost revival sent down from heaven. Prodigals returned to Father's house. Some who had left the church came back. The saints were made to dance, shout and talk in tongues under the mighty power of God. Messages and interpretations were given and the sick healed for which we praise the Lord. Praise the Lord for the great Church of God and her teachings, that which is the pillar and ground of the truth. We covet the prayers of God's people everywhere. — One who loves the Church of God, M. E. Carter, clerk.

## Preached Real Bible Holiness

MCCALL CREEK, Miss. — We have just closed a revival here. The Lord blessed, large crowds attended and the interest was good. Three were sanctified two received the Holy Ghost and others seeking the Lord. The saints were revived. Brother J. C. Lentz was with us. He surely did preach the Word straight. We love him and want him to come back. We request your prayers that the Lord will give us many souls at this place. — O. L. McManus, pastor.

## Los Angeles Has Church of God

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—We take this means to report what God is doing in this part of the state, especially at the American Auto Camp in Los Angeles.

Some seven weeks ago while praying about four o'clock one morning, God impressed our State Overseer to come to this place. Without questioning God he obeyed. The results are very encouraging.

We have a fine Sunday School, also preaching services three times a week with our former State Overseer, Brother Cleland, in charge. The young people take an interest in the Sunday School in a very commendable way. We have adopted a motto from a song, "We all pull together," which works fine. We do not have the largest crowds at the preaching services in the city, but we are sure those who attend are humble and open-hearted for the truth.

We have been handicapped and hindered in the work in California, but our church motto is "Look for the best, prepare for the worst, and take what comes." We are looking for this part of the state to be an open field for the Church of God when people get more acquainted with the teachings. —Respectfully yours, J. R. Dodson, 257 South Grand Ave.



## THE PRESENT CHALLENGE

(Continued from page one)

vice is hungry for their kind of religion, no one being healed or saved, in fact, the whole church has become a workshop of the devil. The day is here that we need more power and the further we go the more power we need because the world grows more wicked. Then too, Christians must somehow be awakened to a deeper sense of personal individual responsibility. There seems to exist in the minds of many church folks the notion that the cause of Christ is securely established, that it will take care of itself whether they function or not. It is easy to say, "Truth will prevail," but for it to prevail there must be devoted men and women who will champion it, live for it, and if needs be, die for it. God does not intend for any of us to be idle. He does not save folks to sit on the stool of doing nothing, but rather for service. He has arranged for everyone to have a job, therefore, there are no idle Christians because there is nothing to do.

Again if Christianity is to meet the present challenge it must do more than fight a defensive warfare. It must take the offensive. The modern church is too content to sit down like a lazy fisherman on the river bank waiting for the fish to come and take his hook, and refusing to move because he has such a good sitting place. We need to cease to sing, "Hold the fort, for I am coming," and sing "Charge the fort for God is leading." As the choice was offered Lot, it is offered us. We are free to choose the right way or the wrong way. It is an individual decision that each of us is to make. The choice of Christ is the choice of the wise. This prepares any one for both life and eternity. So let us go forth in the strength of His might. We shall be able to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. Amen.

### Revival in Springville, Alabama

A two weeks' revival began Aug. 3 near Springville, Ala. in a schoolhouse. This was a new field. The Word was given out with much power and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost. Ten were wonderfully saved, two reclaimed, three baptized with the Holy Ghost and five followed the Lord in water baptism. Many people were convinced. Eternity only will tell the good that was done. Brother George Lee from Cleveland, Tenn. was in charge and did most of the preaching. —Your brother, J. M. Williams.

## State Overseers

OVERSEERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

ALABAMA J. C. Padgett  
Lake Park, Ga.  
ARIZONA J. H. Ingram  
1150 Junipero Ave., Long Beach, Cal.  
ARKANSAS S. F. Beard  
Omaha, Ark.  
BAHAMA ISLANDS W. V. Eneas  
Nassau N. P. Bahama Islands  
CALIFORNIA J. H. Ingram  
1150 Junipero Ave., Long Beach, Cal.  
COLORADO M. E. Drake  
Carlsbad, New Mexico.  
DELAWARE H. W. Poter  
Seaford, Del.  
FLORIDA R. P. Johnson  
837 Augusta St., Lakeland, Fla.  
GEORGIA T. L. McLain  
1110 E. 26th St., Cleveland, Tenn.  
ILLINOIS E. L. Simmons  
204 S. Mulkey St., Christopher, Ill.  
INDIANA C. H. Standifer  
Box 169, Sheburn, Ind.  
JAMAICA Z. R. Thomas  
Kingston Jam. B. W. I.  
KANSAS W. J. Milligan  
Rt. 4, Farmington, Mo.  
KENTUCKY R. H. Bell  
Christopher, Ky.  
LOUISIANA E. E. Simmons  
Dunn, La.  
MARYLAND F. B. Marina  
308 Maryland Ave., Cambridge, Md.  
MAINE H. W. Poter  
Seaford, Del.  
MICHIGAN M. P. Cross  
5686 16th St., Detroit, Mich.  
MISSISSIPPI S. J. Heath  
Morgantown, Miss.  
MISSOURI W. J. Milligan  
Rt. 4, Farmington, Mo.  
MINNESOTA M. L. Lowe  
Box 554, Big Timber, Mont.  
MONTANA M. L. Lowe  
Box 554, Big Timber, Mont.  
N. MEXICO M. E. Drake  
Carlsbad, New Mexico.  
N. CAROLINA John L. Stephens  
Box 528, Wilmington, N. C.  
N. DAKOTA Paul H. Walker  
Lemmon, S. Dak.  
OHIO E. Haynes  
719 Superior St., Toledo, Ohio  
OKLAHOMA L. L. Vaughn  
902 S. B. St., Lawton, Okla.  
PENNSYLVANIA H. W. Poter  
Seaford, Del.  
S. DAKOTA Paul H. Walker  
Lemmon, S. Dak.  
S. CAROLINA W. E. Raney  
Winnboro, S. C.  
TENNESSEE H. N. Scoggins  
805 B. St., Lenoir City, Tenn.  
TEXAS S. J. Wood  
Box 291, Weatherford, Texas.  
VIRGINIA B. L. Hicks  
Box 6, Monroe, Va.  
W. VIRGINIA E. C. Clark  
154 Thorn St., Clarksburg, W. Va.  
Colored Work J. H. Curry  
417 N.W. 6th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

## THE TONGUE

(Continued from page one)

tongue to lie to the Holy Ghost and it cost them instant death and damnation. It is extremely dangerous to be talkative for in Prov. 10:19 we are taught that "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin but he that refrains his lips is wise," and in Isaiah 30:15 we are taught that "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." At first thought it seems like sacrifice to say that we need something besides the blood to gain the victory over the devil, but Rev. 12:11 says that "They overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." Here is the Saviour's promise of salvation for tongue action only, but of course only where it comes from the heart. "He that confesseth me before men I will confess before my Father which is in Heaven." What a power for good to our fellowmen is a consecrated tongue. In Proverbs we learn that there are seven sins which are an abomination in the sight of God and that the majority of these are sins of the tongue. Note that the word "abomination" is the strongest word in the English language to stand for everything that is horrible in the extreme. In Revelation we are told that all liars shall have their portion in the lake of fire, and lying is almost exclusively a sin of the tongue. We are urged in James to be slow to speak, that is, we are to think twice before we speak once, and not only so but are to think wisely and think mercifully. It is far more common to talk too much than it is to talk too little. Those who make a habit of speaking right out what they think, as a rule think very little that is worth expressing. What we say should be the results of right thinking and noble feeling. We should be sure that our speech has a worthy motive and a high objective.

### HOW TO HEAR

While we are to be slow to speak we are to be swift to hear. We should, however, sift what we hear because many things fill the air which should never bear their message to the soul. We are to take heed how we hear and be careful that the truths that we hear do not pass from our minds like water through a sieve. This is what the author of Hebrews had in mind when he said that "We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip," or run out as a leaking vessel. What we hear should find a lodgement in our heart and a congenial home in our soul. Truth should not come in one ear and out the other, but should find its dwelling place in the head and heart. When we hear the truth "We should receive with meekness, with whole heartedness the ingrafted word, the incorruptible seed that our lives may be fruitful in every good word and work." (James 1:22.)

### HOW TO LIVE

What we hear and see effects our life at its fountain. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he and as he speaks and acts others measure his influence for good or evil. If we know the truth happy are we if we do it. We are to live according to the law of liberty and the law of love. It is not enough to hear the truth, we must also obey it; otherwise we are like a man who goes behind himself in a mirror then goes about his daily task forgetting what manner of man he is. Hence it is obedience that makes truth abide in the soul with a living fruitful reality. If we look into the perfect law of liberty, and not only look but continue therein, we shall indeed be blessed in our doing and be a blessing to others. Our love manifests itself in our unselfish activities toward others. The control of the tongue is one of the essentials in Christian living. "If any man among you seem to be religious and brideth not his tongue but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Love manifests itself not only in restraint but also in social service. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27.)

### THE UNTAMABLE TONGUE

The most vivid description we have of the human tongue in the entire Word of God is given by James in chapter 3:3-13. First, he represents the control of the tongue by the bits we put in horses' mouths that they may obey us, that we may turn about their whole body; second, ships are driven by fierce wind and yet are controlled by a very small helm. So the tongue, though small like the bit and helm, if properly controlled, will guide the entire life; third, a small fire, even a match, may cause a great destructive conflagration. Just so the tongue though a small member, may set on fire the whole life of an individual. A church or community and the fire that the tongue produces is said to be the fire of Hell. That is, wicked speech tends to make a Hell on earth. James classifies the tongue with the beast and says the wild beast and birds and serpents and things in the sea have been brought under control by man far more completely than has the human tongue. "The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." It is therefore only by constant watchfulness and prayer and divine strength that we are enabled to control the tongue that we shall speak only what we ought when we

ought to say it, and in the manner helpful to man and approved of God.

### CONSISTENT SPEECH

It was intended that the tongue should be used only for noble speech, for blessing and not cursing. We are often inconsistent in what we say. The same tongue sometimes utters an oath at one time and a prayer at another. Sometimes it blesses God and curses man. "But these things ought not to be."

The same fountain yields only one kind of water, the same tree only one kind of fruit. The tongue should produce the fruit of the Spirit and not the fruit of the flesh.

### EVIL SPEAKING

Even good people sometimes yield to the temptation of evil speaking, but we are urged by our own better nature and by the Word of God "Not to speak evil one of another," for evil speaking implies unkind judgment and a violation of the laws of God written on our hearts and in His Word. It is so easy for us to behold the mote in our brother's eye and to discourse on its size and unsightliness, while there is a beam in our own eye, which we do not consider as being more than a slight inconvenience. We are to "Judge not for with the same judgment we judge shall we be judged." (Matt. 7:1-2.)

### KIND SPEAKING

Above all things my brother swear not neither by heaven, neither by earth, neither by any other oath; but let your yea be yea and your nay, nay, lest ye fall into condemnation. A simple, sane and wholesome speech is the only kind worthy of a man and especially a Christian. We sin by speaking evil and we can also sin by failing to speak kindly. "Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver." A soft answer turneth away wrath. When we speak, let's be sure our words will aid the cause of righteousness, truth and love, for in James 3:2 we are assured that "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body." Let us therefore watch and pray and especially let us watch the tongue by "Speaking evil of no man," and when the temptation is the hottest to talk back, let us, so to speak, wrap the lines around our wrist and pull with all our might on the bridle for an uncontrollable tongue is like a run-away horse plunging over the precipice to destruction. Thus, by His grace we will gain the victory for God and peace and good will.

Don't talk so much to-day, But keep your soul's quick ear Tuned ever toward your loving Lord, His faintest words to hear; Perchance He waits to speak to you In accents low and sweet, If you would hear His gentle voice, Sit quietly at His feet.

## A Real Experience

BALDWIN PARK, Calif. — I have been thinking for some time that I would send a few lines to the Evangel to tell what the Lord really did for me. About two years ago I was taken sick and my local doctor treated me for quite a while. He didn't seem to be able to help me so finally sent me to the hospital. I spent three weeks there. They took about six x-rays of my body and still it seemed that they couldn't do anything for me. I came home and went from bad to worse until a year afterward I had become almost a living skeleton. I was suffering with some troubles that the doctors didn't tell me they had found. I realized after all that time had elapsed that I was past human aid. I knew that unless the Lord undertook I wouldn't live much longer. I never could make anybody understand how miserable I felt and I also knew that I wasn't ready to go. I would try to pray and couldn't seem to get anywhere. The saints began to pray for me, they anointed me with oil and laid their hands on me according to the Bible. Some fasted. It seemed that it took strong faith and believing to pray me thru because I had gotten so weak I couldn't seem to grasp hold on the Lord. I knew He was able to do those things but I didn't have a bit of faith and the more they prayed, the farther from the Lord I seemed to get. The devil made me believe that the door of mercy was shut and I had sinned away my days of grace, but the saints kept telling me that they knew I would be healed and saved.

After about two or three weeks I began to feel a little better and have a little faith more and more each day. In a little while I was commencing to work in the house and outside and I went by leaps and bounds and everybody was astonished at the way I looked. I had a smile for everyone. Just five weeks after I was able to eat a real meal I was on the train going to see my sister, brother and other relatives and friends in Louisiana. My! but they were surprised when they found I was coming because they knew I had been very sick and didn't expect to see me again in this world. I told them what the Lord had done and they couldn't deny it for I was a living witness. I told my experience wherever I went and I am giving God the glory for it all. I read in His Word where He has power over all the power of the enemy and He works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. I am saved, sanctified thru the blood of Jesus, happy and contented, singing as I go. I hope this will

## It Is Just a Little While Longer

The coming of the Lord is at hand, even at the door. Dear saints of God, let us take courage for it is just a little while longer. Let us be ready to go when Jesus shall appear to take His children. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man." Let us be willing to obey the Word of God and do as it would please our Father in heaven. Let us deny ourselves and take up our cross willingly and follow Jesus, our great Leader.

We shall not know the day nor the hour but we can know the times and the seasons. "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor darkness. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

Saints, let us endure a little while longer for Jesus undertakes for His children when trials and tests come our way. It seems hard at times. The thick clouds of darkness seem to hover over us, but we can have victory in Christ, thank God. "So that we ourselves glory in you in the church of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure." We have a hiding place in Christ. It is in the blood of the Son of God. Let us stay under the blood and Satan can not harm us. "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by the spirit nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand." Let us not be deceived by doctrine but stand in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. Beware of false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. The world is full of such to-day. My God, help us as Church of God folks to be ready to go when Jesus shall come to take His people home. Let us be subject unto Christ. He purchased the Church of God with His blood that He might present it to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish. Let us draw closer to God than ever and wash ourselves in the blood of the Lamb.

Dear sinner friend, you have no time to idle away. It won't be long till Jesus comes, then you will wish you had obeyed God because the time is coming that God will pour out His wrath upon the children of disobedience in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Repent and get under the blood before it is too late. Cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and be ready to go when He appears to take His children home. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words, teaching them that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. I am glad because I am saved by His grace, sanctified by His blood filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, and a member of the great Church of God. I love this way. Thank God for ever leading me into this highway of holiness. Let us pray for one another. —Your sister under the blood, Mrs. L. Ellison, 706 10th St., Bismarck, N. Dak.

## HEAR OKLAHOMA'S CALL

SEMINOLE, OKLA. — We have just closed a revival at Maud, Okla. We had great success. Twenty-two were saved, seventeen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, ten baptized in water and two were added to the church.

Our next revival will be at Sholow, Okla. Pray that God will give us a church there. Oklahoma is surely a ripe field and the laborers are few. We are expecting to go back to Ohio after our next meeting. —A brother in the Lord, Joel Stamper.

encourage someone who reads it and ask all who believe in prayer to pray for me that I might get the Baptism and go all the way with Jesus in spite of all the enemy might try to do. —Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. S. Holbrook, Box 97.

## A Blessing In Sad And Lonely Hours

OLATON, Ky. — The Evangel has been a welcome guest in my home for ten years. It has been such a blessing to me in my sad and lonely hours since the death of my husband. I praise God for salvation that keeps me from sin. I am saved, sanctified, and the Holy Ghost still abides.

I praise Him for our good pastor, Brother L. J. Allen, who is so faithful to fill his appointments twice each month. He always brings a message of love to us and feeds our hungry souls with the Word of God. He is one of God's servants.

I praise God for sending our State Overseer here to conduct a meeting for us. He and his good wife and Miss Fannie Freeman, their pianist, were with us two weeks. Seven were saved and fourteen were in the altar when the meeting closed. They had other fields of labor to go to. They did much good and made many friends while here. We want them to come back soon. We are expecting a great ingathering of souls when they come back.

I praise God for the way He has been blessing since the revival. We thank Him for a house we can call our own to worship God in. All who read this pray for this place that it will be a real soul saving station. Glory to God for the joy and peace that floods my soul just to know that some day I will go home to be with Jesus and all the loved ones who have gone on to the Glory Land. —A sister in Christ, Lucy Brown.

## The Lord Blessed At Longview & Bradley, Miss.

I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord for His wonderful blessings to me. I am praising Him for His great saving power. He saved me from a life of sin, sanctified me by His precious blood, then baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I can feel the joybells ringing in my soul now.

I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed us in the revival. Our state evangelist, Brother A. V. Beaubie, was in charge. The Lord blessed him in giving out the messages. We also had some other good visiting saints. There was one sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost, eleven came into the church and eleven were baptized in water. Dear saints, pray that the Lord will bless the Church of God at this place.

We had another good service with Brother C. G. Edwards in charge. The power fell from heaven and the saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues while the waves of glory rolled. One was sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and two were baptized in water. The meeting closed with the altar full of seekers.

I praise God for this good way of holiness and for the many good promises and the desire I have to do the Lord's will. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psa. 37:4. My heart's desire is to please the Lord in everything I do or say and to see souls saved. All of you who know the value of prayer, pray for me and my unsaved loved ones. I thank the Lord for the Evangel. Its messages are food to my soul. (Miss) Ruth Froshour, Longview, Miss.

## A Great Meeting

HARTWELL, Ga. — The Lord has graciously poured out His Spirit on us. We have just closed a revival here. The church was packed every night. Brother Odus Smith, our pastor, did the preaching. He is doing a great work here. This is his first year. The Hartwell District is well pleased with him and wants him next year.

August 17 as Brother Smith walked to the stand the power of God fell and he began to shout. It soon spread over the house and lasted over an hour. This was the greatest meeting we were ever in. Those present will never forget this meeting.

As a result of this revival a number were saved, sixteen sanctified, fourteen received the Holy Ghost, seven came into the church, and thirteen followed the Lord in water baptism. One of those who were baptized was Brother Smith's little three year old girl. She walked into the water and asked her father to baptize her. She came up out of the water with a smile on her face. — J. C. Risner.

## Good For Father, Mother and Children

BOONEVILLE, Miss. I am praising God today for full and free salvation. While the State Overseer, Brother S. J. Heath, was here last April Christ wonderfully sanctified me and gave me the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost. It still abides. Since then He has saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost three of my children, ages nine, fourteen, and seventeen. We are praising God for His healing power. Wife and I and three of our children were added to the dear Church of God and were baptized in water. Pray for us that we will stay in the center of the Lord's will and keep faithful until He comes again. —Oscar Shook, Rt. 6, Booneville, Miss.

## He Hath Borne Our Griefs and Carried Our Sorrows

PONTIAC, Mich. — Dear Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for salvation and what it means to me each day as I endeavor to do my best for our all-wise Creator. Truly it is sweet to trust in Him who hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. It is a comfort to know while tempests assail us and the ravaging wolves of to-day try to influence us, that God, our safest anchorage, is seeing with invisible eyes and bending with the tenderest compassion to rescue us. Hallelujah!

The Lord has been my healer for years. It seems absurd to think of trusting earthly physicians when we have always at our own wish to call on Him in faith believing and He, thru our earnest trust in Him, heals us of all our diseases.

Also I praise Him for saving three sons and one daughter. Two of my sons are ministers in this great movement, one being an evangelist in Flint, Michigan and the other in Montana. The remaining son is, no doubt, enjoying the cool, fragrant atmosphere of the paradise of God. I intend to see him some day by the grace of God.

We have heard that life is just what we make it, and I agree. If we let our life be as would please God, it certainly will prove worth while in the judgment. — Julia Cook.

## IF THEY KNEW THE WAY

MANASSAS, Ga. — I love the little paper and truly welcome it to our home. I am praising God for His great love and His many blessings, also for His healing power. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and belong to the great Church of God and love all of its teachings. My greatest desire is to keep them all.

Not any of my brothers and sisters are saved. I want all who read this to pray that God will spare their lives and save them before it is too late. Holiness preaching is not so old around here and is the talk of everybody, it seems. Please pray that God will send some good people here who are determined to fight for God. There are many honest-hearted people here who would live the life if they knew the way.

Pray for me that I will be a light at home and everywhere I go so Jesus will get the glory out of my life. I have three little girls and I am a widow. Pray that God will help me rear them in the way they should go so they will be lights for Jesus in the future. Pray for the meeting at Baxley, Ga. that God will save souls for His glory. —An unworthy sister, Evelena DeLoach.

## Victory In Services And Over Sickness

CEDAR VALLEY, Jamaica — It has been a long time since I have written to report the victory we have had in our many services and over sickness. I was saved, sanctified and received the Holy Ghost Aug. 16, 1914. I was a Methodist for five years, until I saw more light on the Church of God, then I joined the Church of God. I was convinced by a sermon preached by T. Mundly from Rev. 18:4. In 1926 I was made pastor at Cedar Valley. After a long time of preaching the people began to get saved. I went to Dry Harbour where I met O. Thomas and wife with a few people who were running a revival. I preached the church but thought they loved the way they did not give up till last year. Then the light burst in on them after many hard fights and now there is a church there with twenty-five members. We had to walk twenty-five miles to set the church in order Aug. 3, 1930. We also organized a Sunday School. I ask all the saints to pray for me. —Your brother in Christ, Abraham Johnson, pastor.

## Sister 71 Years Old Received Holy Ghost

THOMASTON, Ga. — I am thanking and praising the Lord for victory to-day. Bless His name! I want to report a revival just closed at the Church of God here. The people say it was the best revival that has been held here in about four years. Three received the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues, a number were saved and sanctified and eleven were baptized in water. The church was wonderfully built up. Sometimes it looked like the power would come in waves. Among those who received the Holy Ghost was a sister seventy-one years old and you should have seen her dancing under the power of the Holy Ghost. She said she had never known what it was to be happy before. Well, we want to say for the Church of God folks here, we now have a band of loyal folks and they are happy too. When you pray remember us at Thomaston. — W. A. Sullivan, pastor.

### FREE—FREE CATALOG—FREE

Mail us a card at once for one of our beautiful, new catalogs of Bibles, books, religious literature, etc. CHURCH OF GOD PUBL. HOUSE, Cleveland, Tennessee



## Deaths

### SANSOM

On July 9, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Claud Thompson and claimed their grandchild, little Francis Tully Sansom, age two years. She had pneumonia fever. It was so hard to part with our sweet baby but our heavenly Father knows best. We know she is with Jesus now and we hope to see her sweet little face again beyond this vale of tears. Everyone loved her. She is survived by father, mother, two grandmothers, two grandfathers, one infant brother, several relatives, and a host of friends. She was laid to rest in Pleasant valley cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.— Her grandmother, Mrs. Claud Thompson.

### RUCKER

On July 24, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Davenport and claimed for its victim Sister Lola Rucker, wife of Timmie Rucker. She was born in Hartwell, Ga., Aug. 14, 1879. She was added to the Church of God in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1926 and was a faithful member until her removal to New York. It was always her desire and greatest pleasure to be with the saints here. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, three sons, a daughter, one brother, a sister, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Cobb and Shelton, and her body was laid to rest to await the resurrection.— Elizabeth Oney, 270 E. Penn. St., Norristown, Pa.

### JEFFRY

On Aug. 2, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Buck Jeffry and claimed his dear mother, Mrs. Maggie Jeffry. She was a devoted Christian mother and had lived a Christian for twenty-five years. She had the Holy Ghost something like eight years. She was a loving neighbor and loved by all who knew her. She is missed very much but we feel she is resting safely in the presence of the Lord. She often spoke of how her son had stood by her. He was a faithful son but he remains in sin. Pray for the Lord to save him. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, one son, two granddaughters, and a host of loving friends. The funeral was conducted by T. A. Richard and the remains carried to Jellico, Tenn. for remittal.— One who loved her, Mrs. T. A. Richard, Harlan, Ky., Box 173.

## Is Your Church Shining For Jesus?

Dear reader, how is it with your church to-day, Is she where she was four years ago to-day?

If she isn't, there's something wrong. Perhaps you haven't prayed all along.

Things may look somewhat blue to you But so as your faith it will be unto you.

Get up, be doing while it is day And mind the things the Bible says.

Why drag along in a half-hearted way When the sinner friend is in misery clay.

The church you are a part of, I'll say, Oh make it a soul saving station, I pray.

Work, there's plenty for all to do, Preacher, teacher and laity too.

Pray and sing as never before For this is God's holy war.

With Christ, our Overseer, in the lead The Church of God must succeed.

Forget the world and the worldly things And press this battle in Jesus' name.

One of these days when the battle's o'er I hope to meet you on the golden shore.

I am a member of the Sebawa Church of God. Brother J. B. Cole is our pastor. He is a fire brand for God. He and Sister Cole are working hand in hand and have their heart and soul in it. Pray for Michigan and her churches that God will send the blessings that they need. Mattie M. Meyers.

## Encouraged to Fight the Battle On

We began a revival July 28 a few miles from Winston, Ga. with Brother J. T. Harris of Roswell, Ga. in charge assisted by Brother J. E. Ledford of Marietta, and Brother W. T. Setser of Holly Springs. They surely gave out the Word under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. The church was blessed and built up. The Lord met with us from the very first service. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues as God put His approval on His Word. Some came who had never heard this gospel preached before. We believe good seed were sown and that a harvest of souls will be brought to Christ when the reaping time comes.

## HOW READEST THOU?

Florida Brown, Thomaston, Maine., 44 Beechwood St.

It is one thing to read the Bible thru Another thing to read, to learn, and do; Some read it with desire to learn to read But to the subject pay but little heed.

Some read it as their duty once a week But no instructions from the Bible seek; While others read it with but little care With no regard to how they read or where.

Some read it as a history, to know How people lived three thousand years ago; Some read to bring themselves into repute By showing others how they can dispute.

While others read because their neighbors do, To see how long 'twill take to read it through; Some read it for the wonders that are there, How David killed a lion and a bear.

While others read it with uncommon care Hoping to find some contradiction there; Some read it as though it did not speak to them But to the people at Jerusalem.

Some read it as a book of mysteries And won't believe the very thing he sees; One reads with father's specks upon his head, And sees the thing just as his father did.

Some read a pre-adopted creed Hence understand but little what they read; For every passage in the book they bend To make it suit that all important end.

Some people read as I have often tho't To teach the book instead of being taught; And some there are who read it out of spite, I fear there are but few who read it right.

So many people in the latter days Have read the Bible in so many ways, That few can tell which system is the best, For every party contradicts the rest.

But read it prayerfully and you will see Although men contradict, God's words agree; For what the early Bible prophets wrote We find that Christ and His Apostles quote.

So trust no creed that trembles to recall, What has been penned by one and verified by all.

## Sick and Afflicted Healed In Answer to Prayer

BESSEMER, Ala.—On July 27 Brother Robert Duke and Sister Duke

came here about four miles from Bessemer and began a revival. It closed Aug. 5. Brother Duke is a good man and preaches the Word of God. Every one who hears him preach loves him.

Brother H. M. Taylor of Kennedy, Ala. came and took charge of the service the 6th and closed it the 14th. The brush arbor is supposed to seat four or five hundred people. It was full to the last seat and was not large enough to accommodate the large crowds that came to hear the wonderful evangelist. Brother Taylor is truly a man of God. The power falls where he preaches. He gave out the Word in a wonderful way. God surely did bless. God is doing some wonderful things for us for which we are thankful. He has been healing the sick and afflicted in answer to prayer.

The devil worked for a few nights but the great power of God was manifested. One brother was healed of a serious stomach trouble instantly. The Lord laid His powerful hand on him and he came up praising God and speaking with other tongues.

Anyone interested and desiring a real Pentecostal preacher and one who lets the Lord have His way and lead in everything he undertakes, will do well in giving Brother Taylor a trial. I am still on the Lord's side with a stronger desire to press on and be what the Lord would have me be. Please pray for me.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Alma Curren.

I feel encouraged to press on, fight the battle and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes. (Miss) Henrietta White.

FREE—FREE CATALOG—FREE  
Mail us a card at once for one of our beautiful, new catalogs of Bibles, books, religious literature, etc.  
CHURCH OF GOD PUB. HOUSE  
Cleveland, Tennessee

## Mission Department

Material for this Department should be mailed to E. L. Simmons, Mission Secretary, Christopher, Ill.

### WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH MISSIONS?

We often hear the above question asked. Why? Because of the fact that there has been so much money spent and so many missionaries sent to foreign lands and seemingly so little accomplished toward Christianizing the world. There certainly is a reason for the lack of progress in this great work. In fact, there are two great reasons to which I wish to call attention.

That we are living in the last days is very plain to be seen, and John has told us that in the last days the Antichrist would come. He further states that the spirit of Antichrist is already abroad in the land. This can be easily detected by anyone who is keeping up with the times. The activities of the Russian Soviet Republic in their anti-religion, Antichrist and Antigod program has certainly shown to the world something of what has been foretold in the Word of God. Then according to Ernest Gordon, in the Sunday School Times, the Socialists are making attacks on Christian institutions in Germany. And these are not the only countries that are being so threatened with the great onslaught of atheism. This great demon power is everywhere. But while this great barrier to Christianity is thriving, it has ample food for its growth in that which has been another barrier to real Christian mission work.

What is this great barrier? It is an apostate church. Russia was one time Christian. That is, she bore the name, because of the widespread influence of the Catholic church. There was religion and rest and peace for the rich, but nothing but sorrow and oppression for the poor. The church was not helping them but rather riding them for upkeep as all other Priest-ridden (Catholic) countries are allowing today.

Then can you imagine a slogan such as was sounded forth by the forerunners of Antichrist sounding good to them? "Abolish the King from the throne and the God from the skies," said these forerunners to an oppressed Russian peasantry, "and let us all be brethren." The beast sees that the time is ripe, thus he spreads his propaganda and because of the apostasy of the church she is unable to combat it.

It was precisely the same state of affairs that brought the Moslem religion into the world. The failure of

Judaism, and the apostasy of the Church in worshipping saints, shrines, pictures etc. was certainly inviting to, and sufficient food for a new religion. Thus Mohammed introduced into the world one of the most far reaching and damning religions of history.

But what are protestant churches doing in heathen countries? They are educating the heathen without getting them converted and making rebels out of them. According to some of the best authorities, many of the great uprisings in heathen countries are sponsored by men educated in mission schools. They have been taught everything except the pacific doctrine of the Christ.

Then what is the matter? It is simply a question of "The right church but the wrong pew." I mean by this that missionary work is in the wrong hands. The Evolutionist, Educators, Atheist under cover of Christianity, and what not, are not the ones that should be in mission work, for when the blind lead the blind, both fall in the ditch.

Missionary work is the work of the Church of God. It is the Mission of God's Church to take **THIS GOSPEL** (baptism with the Holy Ghost, divine healing, Church of God, etc.) to ALL the world. Are you willing as one of its members to help? **THEN LET US DO IT.**

### Rally Day

Listen pastors! Have you raised your mission quota at each of your churches this year? If you have not, why not put on a special **Rally Day** for Missions between now and the Assembly and let us put this worthy cause over the top for God and His church? Don't forget.

### Getting Ready

If you feel the call and contemplate going to the mission fields, you should file your application with the secretary at once. There are some investigations always necessary that might be made before the board meets at the next General Assembly. If you have any suggestion for the promotion of the Mission cause, we also invite you to send same to the secretary of the Mission Board that it may be considered at the next meeting.

E. L. S., M. B. S.

## HEALED WITHOUT REMEDIES

TUTWILER, Miss.—The meeting at Cagel Cross Road near Tutwiler, Miss. began July 19 with Brother S. S. Monroe and other workers in charge. We had the privilege of hearing a few more sermons from Brother Joe Mullen who has been preaching holiness for over thirty years and has also practiced the life, but he is feeble in body at present.

Several souls were blessed although none received the Holy Ghost. Some were reclaimed, six came into the church and five followed the Lord in water baptism.

One sad feature of the meeting was that while a message and altar call was being given out thru the Spirit by tongues and interpretations some parties were seen to mock and reject. They were called from the walk of life thru an accident the last Sunday of the meeting. Oh what an awful thing it is to reject God's mercies in these last days when His wrath is being poured out without mixture! All who will, please pray for this place.

Conviction is resting on the hearts of the people here yet. One very refined lady came to the homes of some of the church people for prayer for her soul's salvation after the close of the meeting.

We have had some healing here for which we are thankful. One baby twenty months old was injured seriously by a piece of railroad iron, weighing about one hundred pounds suspended about twenty-four inches from the ground by a wire, falling on its head and almost crushing it. The child was very sick from the injuries when prayer was offered. But by the time our sinner friends could come to our rescue God had already touched his body and he ran and played as usual. We gave God all the glory as no remedies were applied. We are thankful Jesus is still in the healing business. Pray for us.—Mrs. F. J. Rudesill, Rt. 1, Box 115.

## Looking for Victory

NIGH, Ky.—The revival here is being held by Brother Jesse Sutherland. The power of God is falling. This is the second week. We are looking for victory. The devil will have to load his junk and make his get-away. Every sermon gets better. The people crowd the altar. The power falls until it looks like the devil will have to leave this place to stay. One has received

## Sailor Found Jesus

I praise God for His wonderful love and salvation for He reached out with His mighty hand and took me out of sin and strife one night last March. Bless His wonderful name. I intend to travel all the way with Him. The full determination of my heart is to go all the way with Him by His help. I thank God for that night that He blessed my soul and filled me with the wonderful Holy Ghost. Brother, sister or sinner friend, God is able to lift you out of sin if you will only open up your heart and let Jesus come in. It will make your soul rejoice and it will make you love one another.

I was deep in sin, being in the United States Navy where you very seldom hear of holiness, but three years ago I went to a little holiness meeting one night and God touched my heart then. I wouldn't give up the ways of the world and worldly things. But I said then if God ever touched my heart again like He did that night I would go to the altar. I was sent to Pensacola Fla. last year and I began attending the holiness meeting there. God touched my sinful heart and I went to the altar the third night. That was on Thursday and on Sunday night following He filled me and blessed me with the Holy Ghost. Praise God I'm still on that wonderful highway that leads to life and gives everyone who will follow the blessed Saviour a right to the tree of life.

Brothers and sisters, I want all of you to pray for me that I will hold on to God for I'm in one of the hardest places to hold on to salvation. I pray that God will give me deliverance from the service so I can get out and work for Him. I've found salvation since I have been in the service and I pray God He will deliver me for the full determination of my heart is to go out in the field and battle for God and try to help lost souls to find God and His sweet love. I thank God tonight for our wonderful Saviour who died on Calvary's cross that this world might be saved thru Him. I didn't intend to write so much but it doesn't seem like I can quit now. Please pray for me.—Your brother in Christ Jesus, Jack Bragg, U. S. S. Lexington, % Postmaster of San Pedro, Calif.

the baptism and five have been sanctified. Six were baptized Sunday. Burning testimonies have been brought forth.

We thank God for Brother Jesse Sutherland.—A believer in the Church of God, W. A. Overbee.

## OLD TIME BRUSH ARBOR MEETING

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival near Barnardsville, N. C. We conducted it in an old time brush arbor. I am glad to tell you the Lord was present at each service which was much appreciated by all. The old time power fell many times while some wept their way thru at the altar. One was saved, six sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and many said they were convinced that this was the only way. While the gospel was hurled forth the Lord set His approval on His Word. Many are looking this way hoping soon to see the church set in order. Prospects are looking good for a church. We drove from Asheville almost every night, a distance of about twenty-five miles, but we do not regret it in any way. Not only did the Lord bless the people out there but He blessed us. The people are poor folks and do not have so much money to give but the Lord said something about loading us with benefits, so they loaded us with beans, cabbage, tomatoes, and other good things. We are very proud of these people at this place. Pray much for us that we will be soul winners for Jesus.—Annie M. Lindsey, Biltmore Sta.

## JESUS A PERFECT FRIEND

LYNCH, Ky.—I am praising God for our revival that closed about two weeks ago. I praise Him for the true Word of God that went forth seasoned with grace and backed up by the Holy Spirit. I thank God first and then I thank Brother Fore for giving us his best service. I have so much to thank God for. Six were saved, three sanctified, and two were baptized with the Holy Ghost out of my Sunday School class. I have the Juniors. I thank God for my Sunday School class. Brother Fore helped to bring in a number of good workers for our Y. P. E. I do not have the number of all who were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I can't praise Him enough for our Sunday School and Y. P. E. We have fifty members and all are working, doing their best and expecting to see great works.

I love the Church of God more than ever before. God is love and love is God-like. Love is one of the highest experiences of men. Friendship is one of the highest powers of man. Friendship with God is life at its highest. Next to fellowship with God is fellowship with kindred human spirits. A person without friends is a person in despair. We need not be without friends if we walk in the light as He is in the light for we have fellowship one with another. Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. This is real life, life that is worth living. Jesus is the perfect friend. He reaches beyond the human. He is that divine friend and a friend of those who are enemies. He actually gave His life for our sakes that we might have eternal life. The person who rejects His friendship is doomed. To receive His friendship is life everlasting. We can never be independent of friends. We depend on them for strengthening and encouraging words of love. If the sinner only knew what a friend Jesus is they would gladly accept His great love. Jesus said, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. This is a true friendship and a true promise from Jesus.

I'm standing on them. When I get sick I ask and He comes to me. Brothers and sisters, let's give God first chance. He said, I'll never leave you, forsake you, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. He said He would go with us thru death. That is something no one else can do. Young boys and girls, pick up courage. Let's give the prime of our life to Christ. We will never regret it. When our older brothers and sisters leave their chairs vacant we must fill them with as much of God in us as they had and try to have more. When I gave up the world for Jesus I found plenty of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters in the Church of God. If you want someone to help you to Christ, go to the Church of God. You'll find people who are your friends. They will point you to Jesus.

I have a sinner home and I am trying to let them see God in my life. Pray for me that I will be a light to this lost and dying world.—A sister who has started to go thru with Jesus, Miss Mary F. Johnson.

### Failed to Compromise

A six weeks' revival has recently closed at Middletown, Ohio with great success. Our pastor, Brother J. D. Wilson, was in charge. About twenty were saved, twelve sanctified, and twelve received the Holy Ghost. The saints were edified. Many who were cold prayed back to victory. The devil surely got mad but Brother Wilson failed to compromise.—A sister in the Lord, Maggie Gunnell.

SUBSCRIBE or RENEW  
For The  
CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

## Louisiana Camp Meeting a Success

Our meeting began with good attendance and the crowds increased as the meeting went on. We didn't have any campers. The good people of the Epps church opened their doors to the visitors and took care of all of them. We surely did appreciate their kindness. Our State Overseer, Brother Simmons, was in charge and preached some good sermons. There were several preachers there and every one brought some wonderful message. God blessed everyone in giving out the Word. The best thing about it, God was there in a wonderful way. Glory! I feel His presence now. It wasn't long after the meeting started before the altar began to fill up with men and women crying out to God for salvation. Several were saved, about twelve sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, six came into the church and others probably to come later. God worked in a wonderful way. One service the preacher didn't get to preach. God began to work, church folks began to confess their faults one to another, the altar filled up and people began to cry and pray. God surely did bless. We had some wonderful praise services. The power would fall and the saints shouted, danced and spoke in tongues. People seemed to be amazed at the saints when the power was falling but that's nothing strange, even the angels desired to look into this salvation. We were called several times and to several places during the meeting to pray for the sick and some were blessed in a wonderful way, also some came for prayer during the services and were healed. Thank the Lord!

The last day of the meeting, Sunday, the 17th, service began at 10:30 o'clock. Several of the preachers made talks in interest of the mission cause and the people seemed to see the need of working for God. At 3:30 p. m. the pastor, Brother Coats, baptized twelve in Baulmason river near Epss. At 6:00 p. m. the young people of Dunn, La. were there and rendered a good service that lasted about one hour. They tried to encourage the young people of Epss to organize the C. of G. Y. P. E. I want to say I am proud of our young people here at Dunn. After the young folks' service Brother Ainsworth and the writer made a talk in interest of the Bible School. Brother J. C. Coats then brought a wonderful message on the judgment. An altar call was given. Men and women came rushing to the altar and began to cry to God for mercy. Some prayed thru to victory. The meeting closed with several hundred people present, good interest and a revival spirit on. We are expecting lots of people to get thru to the Lord in Louisiana before the Assembly. Pray for us.—Yours for Christ and His Church, William R. Fowler, Dunn, La.

## LET THE BLOOD BE MY PLEA

Mrs. Ray Elwood.  
Cover me now with Thy blood, dear Saviour,  
Only Thy blood is all my plea;  
Down at the cross I'm kneeling, and waiting  
Where it flows for even me.

Cover me now with Thy blood, dear Saviour,  
Under its shelter would I ever be;  
No tempter can touch me or even come near me,  
Only Thy blood can make me so free.

Cover me now with Thy blood, dear Saviour,  
Its wonderful power can never be told;  
It saves, heals, cleanses and makes me most holy  
To stand in Thy presence in the home of the soul.

Cover me now with Thy blood, dear Saviour,  
Keep me each day 'neath its crimson flow;  
Safe I am, safe from all harm and danger,  
Thy precious blood shields me from every foe.

Oh won't you get under the blood of my Saviour?  
He shed it for you, there is no other way;  
Get saved, sanctified while the fountain is open,  
Tomorrow won't do, you must plunge in to-day.

Tho' your sins be like scarlet, He'll make them like snow,  
Tho' red as crimson, He'll make them like wool;  
The precious blood of my Saviour can do this, my friend,  
It can save you and keep you even down to the end.

Won't you give it a trial? let it cleanse you to-day.  
Oh, the blood of my Saviour has wonderful power;  
I've tried it and proved it, that's why I can say,  
Let the blood be my plea; it can be yours to-day.